

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Complete Listing of Claims:**

1. Canceled
2. (Previously Presented) A biocidal composition comprising composite particles, each of said composite particles containing a shell and a core, said core containing surface oxidized copper powder or a copper-containing compound selected from the group consisting of cuprous oxide, copper hydroxide, copper containing salt(s), and combinations thereof, and said shell containing a copper pyrithione formed by reaction of pyrithione acid or a water-soluble salt of pyrithione with a portion of said core copper or copper containing compound.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 2 wherein said copper-powder or copper containing compound is present in said composition in an amount of from about 99 to about 60% by weight, based upon the total weight of said composition.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Original) The composition of claim 4 wherein said copper-containing composite is present in said composition in an amount of from about 97 to about 86% by weight, based upon the total weight of said composition.
7. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 2 wherein said copper pyrithione shell is present in an amount of from about 1 to about 40% by weight, based upon the total weight of said composition.

8. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 6 wherein said copper pyrithione shell comprises from about 2 to about 20% by weight, based on the total weight of said composition.

9. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 7 wherein said copper pyrithione shell comprises from about 3 to about 14% by weight, based on the total weight of said composition.

10. (Original) The composition of claim 2, further comprising surfactant or a fatty acid coating on said particle of said copper-containing salt.

11. (Original) The composition of claim 10 wherein said fatty acid is selected from the group consisting of stearic, oleic, glycerol, and combinations thereof.

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35. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 2 wherein the core material is copper I oxide and the shell is copper II pyrithione.

36. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 35 wherein the weight ratio of copper oxide to copper pyrithione is from 5:1 to 15:1. and a coating diameter is about 1% of the particle.

37. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 36 wherein the weight ratio of copper oxide to copper pyrithione is about 10:1 and the diameter of the shell is about one percent of the diameter of each of said composite particle as calculated for said composite particles being spheres.

38. (Canceled )

39. (Canceled)

40. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 2, wherein the copper pyrithione and the copper or copper-containing compound are present within a weight

range of ratios from 1:20 to 20:1 of copper pyrithione relative to the copper or copper-containing compound.